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October 22, 2007 REGISTERED MAIL

Mr. Glenn King Crown Resources Corporation/Kinross Gold U.S.A. Inc. 636 Fish Hatchery Road Republic, Washington 99166

RE: Water Quality Certification Order No. 5158, amendment issued under the provisions of Chapter 90.48 RCW and Chapter 173-201A WAC

Dear Mr. King:

On October 9, 2007, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) issued a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification to Crown Resources Corporation/Kinross Gold U.S.A. Inc. A clerical error occurred with regards to the Forest Service Plan of Operations document number. The number listed in the order as Forest Service Reference No. P07-01 April 2007 shall be changed to Forest Service Reference No. POO-2008-OKWTON-1. The enclosed amendment changes only the Forest Service Plan of Operations document number, the certification is still subject to the conditions contained in the original Order.

If you have any questions, please contact Gary Graff at (509) 454-4260. The enclosed Amendment may be appealed by following the procedures described in the Amendment.

Sincerely,

Central Regional Office, Section Manager

Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

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Enclosure

cc: Jay Manning – Ecology, Director

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IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING A WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION TO

Crown Resources Corporation/Kinross Gold U.S.A. Inc. in accordance with 33 U.S.C. 1341 (FWPCA § 401), RCW 90.48 120, RCW 90.48 260 and WAC 173-201A

ORDER # 5158

-) Forest Service Reference No. POO-2008-
 - OKWTON-1
-) Construction of an underground gold mine, the construction and reconstruction of an ore haul
-) route, the installation of utilities, the installation
-) of groundwater monitoring wells, the installation
- of a water pipeline, the creation of an infiltration gallery and two water augmentation sites, and the installation of fencing located on Buckhorn Mountain, Okanogan County, Washington

This amendment is issued under the provisions of Chapter 90.48 RCW and Chapter 173-201A WAC.

Administrative Order No. 5158 is hereby amended:

The amendment is as follows

I. The header that reads:

ORDER # 5158

Forest Service Reference No. P07-01 April 2007

Construction of an underground gold mine, the construction and reconstruction of an ore haul route, the installation of utilities, the installation of groundwater monitoring wells, the installation of a water pipeline, the creation of an infiltration gallery and two water augmentation sites, and the installation of fencing located on Buckhorn Mountain, Okanogan County, Washington

Is replaced as follows:

ORDER # 5158

Forest Service Reference No. POO-2008-OKWTON-1

Construction of an underground gold mine, the construction and reconstruction of an ore haul route, the installation of utilities, the installation of groundwater monitoring wells, the installation of a water pipeline, the creation of an infiltration gallery and two water augmentation sites, and the installation of fencing located on Buckhorn Mountain, Okanogan County, Washington

II. The condition number A.2 that reads:

For purposes of this Order, all submittals required by its conditions shall be sent to Ecology's Central Regional Office, Attn: Federal Permit Coordinator, SEA Program, 15 West Yakima Avenue, Suite 200, Yakima, Washington 98902. Any submittals shall reference Order No. 5158, and Forest Service Reference No. P07-01 April 2007.

Is replaced as follows:

For purposes of this Order, all submittals required by its conditions shall be sent to Ecology's Central Regional Office, Attn: Federal Permit Coordinator, SEA Program, 15 West Yakima Avenue, Suite 200, Yakima, Washington 98902. Any submittals shall reference Order No. 5158, and Forest Service Reference No. POO-2008-OKWTON-1.

III. The condition number D. (NOTE) that reads:

NOTE: All notifications shall include the Applicant's name, project name, Order No. 5158, Forest Service Reference No. P07-01 April 2007, project location, on-site contact, and contact's phone number.

Is replaced as follows:

NOTE: All notifications shall include the Applicant's name, project name, Order No. 5158, Forest Service Reference No. POO-2008-OKWTON-1, project location, on-site contact, and contact's phone number.

No other conditions or requirements of the above-mentioned order are affected by this amendment.

The Ecology retains continuing jurisdiction to make modifications hereto through supplemental order, if it appears necessary to further protect the public interest.

Failure to comply with this amended Order may result in the issuance of civil penalties or other actions whether administrative or judicial, to enforce the terms of this amended Order.

Appeal Process:

Any person aggrieved or adversely affected by this amendment to Order No. 5158 may obtain review thereof by appeal. Pursuant to RCW 43.21 L., a person can appeal this order to the Environmental and Land Use Hearings Board within 21 days of the date of the issuance of this Order. Any such appeal must be sent to the Environmental and Land Use Hearings Board, PO Box 40903, Olympia, WA 98504-0903. Concurrently, a copy of the appeal must be served on the Director of the Department of Ecology, PO Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-7600 and served on the other parties identified in RCW 43.21 L.050(2). These procedures are consistent with the provisions of RCW 43.21 L and the rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

To appeal this Order, your notice of appeal must contain a copy of the Ecology Order you are appealing.

Your appeal must be filed with:

Environmental and Land Use Hearings Board PO Box 40903, Olympia, WA 98504-0903

Your appeal must also be served on:

The Department of Ecology
Appeals Coordinator
P.O. Box 47608
Olympia, Washington 98504-7608

In addition, please send a copy of your appeal to:

Federal Permit Appeals Coordinator Department of Ecology P.O. Box 47600

Olympia, Washington 98504-7600

For additional information: Environmental Hearings Office Website. http://www.eho.wa.gov

Your appeal alone will not stay the effectiveness of this Order. Stay requests must be submitted in accordance with RCW 43 21L 100. These procedures are consistent with 43 21L RCW.

Dated Oct. 22, 2007 at Yakima, Washington.

Jeff Lewis, Section Manager

Environmental Coordination Section

Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program